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TAGS: EAID, OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TO EGYPT

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON PLANS TO VISIT EGYPT
APRIL 15-17 IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY SADAT TO VICE
PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER DURING THEIR MEETING IN RIYADH FOR
GREATER USG ASSISTANCE IN MEETING EGYPT'S ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS. ROBINSON WILL BRING CONCRETE PROPOSALS CURRENTLY
BEING STAFFED HERE RESPONDING TO BOTH SHORT-TERM BALANCE
OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM AND LONGER-TERM PROJECT INVESTMENT
NEEDS FOR WHICH SADAT INDICATED SOVIET FINANCING MAY NO
LONGER BE FORTHCOMING.

2. DUAL-TRACK APPROACH BEING DISCUSSED HERE WITH
AMBASSADOR EILTS.

3. SHORT-TERM RELIEF DEPENDS HEAVILY UPON PROGRESS OF
IMF-GOE CONSULTATION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

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4. LONGER-TERM PROJECT INVESTMENT ACTION SUGGESTED BY

SADAT REQUIRES COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING ON STATUS OF GOE-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS ON MAJOR PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR SHIFTING TO ARAB OR IRANIAN FINANCING WITH U.S. CONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION (PARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR) ON ARRIVAL AND CABLE HIGHLIGHTS TO UNDER SECRETARY THROUGH EMBASSY PARIS PRIOR TO HIS APRIL 11 DEPARTURE PARIS TO TEHRAN. BY SEPTEL EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE CURRENT STATUS OF U.S. INVESTOR PROJECT DISCUSSIONS.

6. AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER PLANS TO BE IN CAIRO APRIL 14-15. DESIRABLE THAT HE PARTICIPATE IN UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS AFTERNOON OF APRIL 15.

7. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI ON LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 15, IF POSSIBLE, AND WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, TAHER AMIN, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ON APRIL 15 OR 16, NOTING THAT VISIT IS IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSION WITH VICE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT'S ECONOMIC SITUATION BUT WITHOUT GOING INTO SPECIFICS OUTLINED ABOVE.

8. IF PRACTICABLE, UNDER SECRETARY AND PARTY HOPE TO VISIT SITE OF PHOSPHATE MINING PROJECT NEAR ABU TARTUR ON APRIL 17 IF THIS DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH CAIRO APPOINTMENTS.

9. SEPTEL DETAILS FLIGHT SCHEDULE AND COMPOSITION OF PARTY. INGERSOLL

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